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THANKSGIVING, 1956

Thanksgiving, perhaps the most American of all national holidays, occurs relatively early this year, on the 22nd.

The first national celebration of Thanksgiving Day was held in 1863, and the first international celebration in 1909. Therefore, Thanksgiving is a relatively new holiday.

Credit is usually given to Mrs. Sara J. Hale, who began crusading for a holiday to be called Thanksgiving Day, in the 1820's. Mrs. Hale was editor of Ladies Magazine, in Boston, and later editor of Godey's Lady's Book, in Philadelphia. As editor of these magazines, Mrs. Hale wrote Presidents, Governors and Senators and Congressmen, and finally, succeeded in having the various states adopt a day which was first known as Our National Thanksgiving Day.

In the first observance of Thanksgiving Day, as it later became known, the day was a religious one, resembling a Sunday, and religious services were held in the churches, and families gathered around bounteous dinner tables, where the principal dish was, of course, roast turkey. Sometimes, in the early days, the churches were decorated with products of the farm, to evidence the fruitfulness of the land and the products for which Americans were expressing their thanks.

Actually, the first national call for thankfulness came in 1789, when General Washington ordered a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the Constitution. This was the first Thanksgiving Proclamation to be issued by a President of the United States.

In countries such as England there have been many days of thanksgiving, and they commemorate English historical dates. The day the Black Prince defeated the French at Poictiers, in 1356, has long been observed in England as a day of thanksgiving, and at one time was celebrated for eight days. Also, special thanksgiving services were held on the anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, in 1588, and for other military triumphs.

In 1956, Americans have every reason to observe Thanksgiving Day with genuine thankfulness. Citizens can look back upon the history of their country, realizing that this nation has grown into the greatest force for democracy, and good, on the face of the earth.

We are presently at peace, the country is generally prosperous, we are a free people, enjoying such blessings as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and many other liberties. In addition, we are enjoying the highest standard of living in the world, with more luxuries than most other people.

Take time out this Thanksgiving Day, 1956, to utter a sincere prayer of gratitude. . . .

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PERHAPS ONLY WAR COULD SAVE HUNGARY

Josef Cardinal Mindszenty said recently only the United Nations could save Hungary. Cardinal Mindszenty rightly reported that only quick and more effective aid could save Hungary from Russian oppression. Cardinal Mindszenty says the Secretary-General of the United Nations should have come to Budapest as soon as the Russians began to murder Hungarian democracy, and that there has been too much voting and oratory in the United Nations and not enough action.

Surely, on this Thanksgiving Day, the free world is saddened by the plight of brave Hungarians, and the frustration of those who hate to see a great people ground into humiliation. However, another look at the picture, suggests that only World War III could save Hungary. A practical look at the situation, prompts the opinion that the United States cannot supply free Hungarians with arms, or with military assistance unless it is ready to get into an all-out war with the Soviet. And the Russians know this, and are pushing their advantage in the belief that the United States is not willing to so commit itself.

The Soviet has dominated the Balkan satellite countries now for twelve years. In all that time, serious students of events have known that the only true hope for freedom in that area of the world was a change in the policy of the communists and a gradual upbuilding of the power and influence of the United Nations. Little progress has been made in that direction. Small arms and economic aid at this time, unless backed by mobilization of the armies and military power of the free world, would only add to the terror. This is a most unhappy picture and is a reflection upon the overall status of civilization itself, but we see no other conclusion. Only all-out war could save Hungary.

It appears that it is UN policy to quickly build up a display of power in the Middle East in the hope of discouraging a militant communist bloc from spreading their power into the Arabian world.

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FEMALES IN MAJORITY

The Census Bureau recently revealed that females now outnumber males in this country by more than 1,380,000. The females are in the majority in age groups above twenty-five years.

It is interesting to note that only six years ago there were only 600,000 more females than males. That figure has more than doubled in the last six years.

Also, it is interesting to note that, in 1940, there were more males in this country than females. The male population has been declining because of a higher mortality rate for males, and because an immigration trend has changed. Before 1940, two-thirds of all immigrants to the United States were males. Today, three out of five immigrants are females.

Up to the age of twenty-four, males still outnumber females, but from then on up, females are more numerous. All of which means that for the gal marrying before age twenty-four, her chances are better because there are more males in these age brackets than for the gal marrying after the age of twenty-four.

Or, put another way, men are less likely to get married if they reach the age of twenty-five without having walked to the altar.

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He who lives at high tension usually blows a fuse.

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The person who continually offers to resign, will some day have his resignation accepted.

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An agenda is often a device to prevent unexpected subjects from coming up for discussion.

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It is surprising how well you can get along with others if you keep your mouth shut and let somebody else do the talking.

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In every section of the world there are good men and women, anxious to live at peace and to help their neighbors. The problem is to so organize these fine people so that they can put the bee on the evil-doers.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

The rich know not who is his friend. —George Herbert.

It is a vain enterprise to try to turn a rich and silly man to ridicule; the laughters are all on his side. —Jean de la Bruyere.

'Tis a sort of duty to be rich, that it may be in one's power to do good. —Mary Wortley Montagu.

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone. —D. H. Thoreau.

APPEAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Crippled Children's Hospital —dedicated to the free treatment of crippled and handicapped children whose parents are unable to pay for prolonged medical services —will hold its annual "Donation Day" on November 20th. The 120-bed hospital, located in Richmond, serves the entire state. Its approximately 400 patients per year come from practically every city and county throughout Virginia. During the past five years the hospital has treated 10 crippled children from Appomattox County.

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